

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
NOVEMBER 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Dale Madden at 8:33 a.m. Other board members present were Jenny Arthur, Bob Graves, Daniel Steinhoff, Andrew Caylor, Tracy Polite-Johnson, Nick St. Sauveur, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; Diane Warwick, State Forestry Division; Ryan Thompson, UT Ag Extension; Randall Whitehead, Stormwater Engineering; and Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation.

Visiting today was Tracie Hellwinckel, Project Manager for Trees Knoxville; and Wayne and Sylvia McLaurin.

**Action Items for November**

- October minutes were reviewed and approved.

**City Update** by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey has made his nursery selections. Four hundred street trees will be planted this season.
- Projects: Streetscape Trees
  - Market Street is coming along well. Five new street trees will be going into the structural cells.
  - Central Avenue project kick-off will be this Friday.
  - Magnolia Avenue Phase II project will be kicking off soon. A meeting is scheduled with the contractor. Phase I is complete.
- Blount Avenue has a few planting depth issues, but is moving along well. Most of the concrete walkways are in.
- There will be a ribbon cutting in the North Hills at 4 p.m. today for the new arboretum.
- Kasey still has an open Urban Forestry position.
- Urban Forestry was awarded the TAEP Grant.

**Trees Knoxville Report** by Kasey Krouse

- 10-15-19 Attended the Tree Board presentation by Dr. Sharon Jean-Phillip on right tree-right place.
- 10-16-19 Meeting with Kasey in Ft Sanders neighborhood to look at potential planting sites for Enterprise Car Rental Foundation tree planting event.
- 10-17-19 Budget and goals committee developed 2020 document which will be discussed at next board meeting.
- 10-15 through 11-1 there were several conference calls with the Alliance for Community Trees staff about the Enterprise Car Rental event.
- 10-23-19 Attended the quarterly meeting of Water Quality Forum, and heard a presentation on soil fracking used to improve rain garden water treatment.
- 11-1-19 Received email from TN Division of Forestry approving funding for 2019 TAEP grant.
- 11-1-19 Walking tour of North Hills Arboretum with TUFC's team (David Vandergriff & 2 UT students) and determine certification which was completed for level-1
- 11-6-19 Meeting with Kasey to work on canopy study grant to submit to the TN Division of Forestry.
- 11-7-19 North Hills Arboretum ribbon cutting 4 pm Washington Pike and North Hills Blvd.
- 11-20-19 TN Forestry Division Nursery to Delano, TN will leave Knoxville at 9 am. Bring a lunch. Tim Hester has secured a bus from Parks and Recreation.
- Two more schools have requested trees for planting.
- Trees Knoxville set up a table at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens Fall Festival.

**Education Report & Arbor Day** by Dale Madden

- Anna reported that everything is ready for the Arbor Day celebration tomorrow. Essay winners will read their essays at the program, poster winners will be awarded, and a Japanese maple tree will be planted afterwards.
- Posters will be voted on after the meeting today.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

- Tim reported that the Augusta Avenue entrance to the quarry will be opened soon.
- Randall reported that Sevier Avenue (City South) redevelopment program is moving along well. Shawn Fitzpatrick is working on the design.
- Waterfront Drive and Lankford are a couple of future planting locations.
- Diane reported that the Urban and Community Forestry committee and the Southern Group of State Foresters have received a grant to prepare a southern region economic impact study for the southern states, which will include an impact study for each state. This study will show the impact of urban and community forestry in the state. The report will come out in two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.